

## REBEL GUNS AT TORREON SWEEP BESIEGED CITY

Huerta's Troops Give Way  
As Villa's Men Press At-  
tack on All Sides.

## 78 FEDERALS DEAD IN INTRENCHMENTS

Night Bombardment of Sub-  
urban Town Follows All-  
Day Fighting.

## URBINA BADLY INJURED

Reinforcements Sent from Cap-  
ital, but Must Fight Way to  
Reach Defenders.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Bernalillo, Mexico, March 22.—With  
his cannon planted on a score of hills,  
around the outskirts of the besieged  
city and his officers and men exultant  
over half a dozen minor victories and  
eager for the final test, General Pancho  
Villa to-day perfected all his plans for  
striking the blow which the rebels ex-  
pect will destroy the last hope of the  
Huerta government in the north.

The rebel army is being led by Gen-  
eral Villa in person, and the assault  
upon Torreon, which will be started  
with the right wing moving across the  
Nazas River, will become general fol-  
lowing the taking of the town of Gomez  
Palacio, a bombardment on which was  
begun late to-night.

The right wing of Villa's army  
formed in battle line at Brittingham  
junction, six miles from Gomez Palacio  
and nine miles from Torreon, shortly  
after dark, preparatory to this night  
assault upon Gomez Palacio.

## Big Guns Placed in Range.

This movement was preceded by the  
placing of big guns within range of the  
town late this afternoon, and the bomb-  
ardment was rushed with feverish  
haste to make way for the concerted  
attack on Torreon early to-morrow.

The Federal garrison in Gomez Pa-  
lacio was evidently not taken by sur-  
prise, and the battle of Gomez Palacio,  
begun at night, promises to be fought  
desperately, as the Federals fortified  
the place in anticipation of the main  
rebel attack being made upon Torreon  
from that direction.

General Tomas Urbina, one of the  
leading rebel commanders, upon whom  
Villa has been depending largely in the  
preliminary fighting around Torreon,  
was seriously wounded last night dur-  
ing the attack he made upon Mapimi.

Urbina commanded one of the largest  
divisions of the rebel army, and had  
been operating between Torreon and  
Parral, suffering several reverses in  
moving from Rosario to join Villa's  
main army.

All day the rebel army has been con-  
verging in a semi-circle around Tor-  
reon, many of the commands having to  
fight their way to the main rebel army  
ten miles out of the city.

One after another the towns lying  
in the path of the rebels fell into their  
hands, the Federal garrisons retreating  
hastily, after short, sharp skirmishes,  
to the main Federal army at Torreon.

## Dead in Federal Trenches.

General E. A. Benavides occupied San  
Pedro early to-day, driving out the  
Federal garrison. He found seventy-  
eight slain Federals lying in the en-  
trenchments. Benavides during the  
night had captured the small town of  
Sacramento and had pressed on without  
resting, driving the scattered Federals  
in confusion toward the stronghold  
which General Velasco had fortified for  
the last stand of the Federal army of  
the north.

Reinforcements which Mexico City  
had reported on the way to Torreon  
had not reached that city to-day and

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## O'SHAUGHNESSY MAY GO

Rumor Adds Shanklin Would  
Get Place as Charge.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]  
Vera Cruz, Mexico, March 22.—Ar-  
nold Shanklin, United States Consul  
General at Mexico City, arrived here  
this morning and returned to-night  
after a long conference with John  
Lind, President Wilson's envoy. He  
departed on the Inter-oceanic Railway,  
while Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the  
American Charge d'Affaires, who cut  
short his vacation here, returned to  
Mexico City on the Mexican Railway.

The fact that Shanklin and O'Shaugh-  
nessy travelled by different routes  
caused comment here and led to ru-  
mors that the latter was not in high  
favor with Washington and the Presi-  
dent's envoy. O'Shaughnessy said to-  
night that he knew nothing of such a  
rumor and declared that he had no in-  
tention of resigning. Lind backed him  
up in this, but the rumor persists that  
Shanklin will take charge of the em-  
bassy if O'Shaughnessy's resignation is  
forced.

## FIALA REPORTS

## RIVER MISHAP

Explorer with Roosevelt Party  
Says They Have Lost  
Everything.

"The New York Times" publishes  
the following dispatch to-day:  
"Santarem, Brazil (via Pernambuco,  
St. Vincent and the Azores), March 22.  
—We have lost everything in the rapids  
presumably rapids of a tributary of  
the Amazon River. Telephone my  
wife of my safety."

"ANTHONY FIALA"  
Anthony Fiala is the explorer who is  
with Theodore Roosevelt and his party  
exploring the wilds of Brazil. The  
party has been divided into two groups.  
It is presumed from his dispatch that  
they are all safe.

## SYLVIA FAILS TO GET INTO ABBEY

Miss Pankhurst, Carried on a  
Stretcher to Westminster, De-  
livers Address in Street.

London, March 22.—Sylvia Pank-  
hurst, carried on a stretcher and sur-  
rounded by about one thousand mem-  
bers of her East End "people's army,"  
attempted to attend this evening's ser-  
vice in Westminster Abbey. She was  
unable to gain admission, however, as  
every seat in the edifice had been taken  
in view of the fact that she had an-  
nounced her intention last Sunday to  
be present in the Abbey to-night.

The militant suffragette and her fol-  
lowers, however, held an open air meet-  
ing in a street in the rear of the Abbey.  
The vanguard of the "people's army"  
was led by a Church of England  
clergyman, the Rev. Edmund Willis,  
rector of a church in the Shadwell dis-  
trict of the East End. Clothed in full  
canonicals, he opened the street meet-  
ing with prayer, and, after the singing  
of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," by the  
gathering he preached a short sermon.

Miss Pankhurst then delivered an  
address, in which she exhorted her fol-  
lowers to make England "a real Chris-  
tian country, so that Westminster Ab-  
bey would become a place for the poor  
as well as for the rich." After the  
meeting she was removed from the  
scene in an ambulance, attended by a  
nurse.

The Rev. Mr. Willis had almost per-  
fect control over the "army" during  
the meeting. The demonstration was  
remarkable for the small number of  
police present and for the religious at-  
mosphere surrounding it. Only occa-  
sionally were the speakers interrupted  
by cheering and calls for "social revo-  
lution."

## SAGUE MAY BE APPRAISER

Ex-Mayor of Poughkeepsie  
Recommended for Office.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, March 22.—Senator  
O'Gorman has recommended John K.  
Sague for Appraiser of the Port of  
New York.

Mr. Sague is ex-Mayor of Pough-  
keepsie, and one of the strongest in-  
dependent leaders of the state.

It is understood Mr. Sague's ap-  
pointment will be made, as it is said to  
be acceptable to the administration.

## ELLIS ISLAND FREES BEST GIRL ATHLETE

Fresh from London School, She  
Is Detained Until Her  
Grandmother Calls.

There was much ado in the second  
cabin of the White Star liner Cedric  
yesterday when the immigration offi-  
cials decided to take Mary Nixon, an  
eleven-year-old English girl, to Ellis  
Island.

Many of the alien passengers thought  
that the best all-around athlete in her  
school in London should be permitted  
to land at once. Mary Nixon had  
beaten every competitor in her class in  
athletics, and was awarded a gold  
medal a few months before she em-  
barked on the Cedric.

Her friends thought that the medal  
should be an open sesame, but the im-  
migration officials thought otherwise.  
She lost her parents recently, and came  
to live with her grandmother, Mrs.  
Mary Finn, of Cranford, N. J. As she  
was an unaccompanied alien under six-  
teen Mary had to go to Ellis Island  
until her grandmother called for her.

## GUNMEN SEND APPEAL FROM DEATH HOUSE

Ask Public for "Justice"  
They Say Court of Ap-  
peals Refused.

## VALLON AND WEBBER ACCUSED OF MURDER

Contend Evidence Shows  
Rosenthal Was Shot  
by Them.

## BECKER CASE CITED

Testimony Against Former Police-  
man Rejected, but Used to Con-  
vict Them. It Is Said.

Convicted of the murder of Herman  
Rosenthal and sentenced to die in the  
electric chair in the week beginning  
April 13, the four gunmen in the Sing  
Sing death house issued a statement  
"to the public" yesterday. Alleging  
that they were left to die unjustly,  
while former Lieutenant Charles  
Becker obtained a new trial, they had  
their counsel, Charles G. F. Wahl,  
give out their appeal to the public for  
"justice" and "fair play," which they  
had already prepared when he visited  
them.

Mr. Wahl said he had dissuaded his  
clients from making a statement until  
now, though they had been anxious to  
do so since the reversal of the Becker  
decision and the affirmation of their  
own sentence was handed down by the  
Court of Appeals on February 24. They  
have spent sixteen months in the death  
house, and this is their first statement  
to reach the outside world. They reite-  
rate their innocence and charge Vallon  
and Webber with the Rosenthal murder.

There is always a weird significance  
to any plea coming from the low stone  
walls of twenty-four cells where men  
wait their turn to die, and this one is  
remarkable in more ways than one.  
While not perfect in composition the  
statement is in good form for a quar-  
ter of underworldlings.

Written by "Lefty Louis."

"Lefty Louis" (Louis Rosenberg), the  
youngest of the four, who will be twenty-  
two years old in the month he is  
sentenced to die, wrote the statement  
in pen and ink in a clear, firm hand,  
and it was signed by the others through  
the heavy bars of their cells as the  
guard held it for them and stood by to  
see that they made no "improper" use  
of a sharp pointed instrument like a  
pen. The signatures were not in line  
on that account.

The gunmen occupy cells at the ex-  
treme end of the lower tier in the death  
house. "Gyp the Blood" (Harry Hor-  
owitz) and "Lefty Louis" are on one  
side and cannot see each other, while  
"Dago Frank" (Frank Crofich) and  
"Whitey Lewis" (Jacob Seidenshner)  
are opposite. Heavy wire screens are  
reared in front of the cells so that the  
prisoners across the aisle cannot see  
each other distinctly.

They told their counsel that they  
delegated "Lefty Louis" to write the  
statement because he had once kept  
books for his father, who is a flour mer-  
chant at the New York Produce Ex-  
change, and wrote a good hand. They  
conferred with one another by shouting  
back and forth from their cells. They  
had obtained copies of the records of  
their own trial and of the opinion of  
the Court of Appeals and referred to  
points in them in the statement.

An All Night Job.

"Dago Frank" added a statement of  
his own in pencil, contravening a par-  
ticular point in the opinion of the  
Court of Appeals. The prison keepers  
bore them out in the assertion to their  
counsel that they worked through the

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## MISSING YOUTH WIRES PAPA: "I'M MARRIED; SEND \$500."

Daniel P. Duffie, Wealthy Staten Islander, Is Asked to  
Finance Honeymoon—Dance Romance Here Carried  
to Louisville with No Word to Parents.

Daniel P. Duffie, a wealthy retired  
business man living at West New  
Brighton, Staten Island, has been won-  
dering for several days where his son,  
Claire, twenty-one years, was, and, now  
that he knows, he can get the young  
man back home at once or can prolong  
his absence by advancing \$500 for a  
honeymoon trip.

That was the tenor of a telegram re-  
ceived from Louisville, Ky., yesterday  
by Mr. Duffie. At any rate he has a  
daughter-in-law, and the happy couple  
hope he is so glad that he will furnish  
the \$500.

The bride was a Miss Catherine Chi-  
chester of Louisville. She came East  
about a month ago to visit Mrs. S. M.  
Parker, of West Brighton. Mrs. Parker  
is a dancing teacher, and it was at one  
of her dances that the young man met

## BOY OF SIX KILLS SISTER

Playing "Soldier," Says "Now  
You Must Die," and Fires.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]  
Nutley, N. J., March 22.—Unnoticed  
by older folks in the house, two chil-  
dren, a brother and sister, were playing  
"soldier" about the bedroom of their  
aunt on Hancock avenue this after-  
noon when the little boy levelled a  
revolver at his sister and said:  
"Now you must die!"

He pulled the trigger and a bullet  
struck the girl in the heart. She fell  
to the floor dead. The boy ran scream-  
ing into the room where the older folks  
were talking and became hysterical.

County Physician MacKenzie, after  
an investigation, said he was satisfied  
the shooting was accidental, and made  
no arrest.

The girl was Rosa Falcone, five years  
old. The boy is Jimmie Falcone, six  
years old. They lived with their par-  
ents in King street.

## URGE 'ROADS FOR PEACHES'

Suffolk Citizens Use Fruit as  
Argument for Highways.

Brookhaven, Suffolk County, Long  
Island, comes to the fore with a new  
argument for good roads. Consumers  
of Farmingdale peaches are counted on  
for active support of the movement to  
improve highway conditions. There's  
a reason.

Because jolting over rough roads  
shakes all the large peaches to the bot-  
tom of the baskets and brings the small  
ones to the top, thus making necessary  
the extra expense of rearranging the  
fruit for the market, the Brookhaven  
superintendents have been asked to ap-  
propriate \$10,000 for repairing the town's  
roads. The peach growers have also  
put one of their number forward as a  
candidate for the board.

Dedrick Schwartz, of Farmingdale,  
has been chosen to lead the fight, and  
if elected to the Board of Supervisors he  
promises to have each one of his sec-  
tion's output of ten thousand baskets  
decorated with the most luscious  
peaches grown there.

## SCHOOL FOR BRIDES-TO-BE

Six Months' Course in House-  
keeping Planned in Cincinnati.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Cincinnati, March 22.—There will be  
no more "green housekeeping brides"  
in Cincinnati, is the assertion made by  
Superintendent of Schools Condon, who  
announced to-day that a school for  
prospective brides would be started as  
soon as the finances of his department  
would permit. Assistant Superintendent  
Roberts, who is a bachelor, said to-  
night:

"Each pupil will receive a six months'  
training in the art of being a genuine  
housewife. After taking the course the  
bride-to-be will be qualified to cater  
for the family, should the cook strike,  
locate a leak in the water pipe, mend  
a broken door knob or put up a shelf,  
scrub, wash, iron, market, give first  
aid to an injured member of the family,  
darn stockings, lay a table in the most  
appropriate fashion, and, best of all,  
aid her husband by preventing that  
frightful waste in the American house-  
hold."

## DEFENDS JOBS FOR KIN

Civil Service Chairman Terms  
Attack Absurd and Inane.

Judge Jacob Neu, chairman of the  
State Civil Service Commission, has re-  
plied to the accusations of the Civil  
Service Reform Association, which  
charged members of the board with  
appointing their relatives to exempt  
positions.

The judge admits that he had ap-  
pointed his former personal secretary  
to be his official secretary and that Dr.  
Meyer Wolf had appointed his wife as  
his own stenographer and secretary,  
and James A. Lavery, of Poughkeepsie,  
had given a like place to his brother.

But Judge Neu pointed out that the  
work of the commission demands abso-  
lute secrecy and that that was the rea-  
son for the appointments. He also said  
that the present board has held 123  
meetings, whereas previous boards  
averaged only thirty. He character-  
ized the accusations as an absurd and  
inane attack on Tammany Hall and un-  
worthy of consideration.

## MINISTERS HANDLING IRISH SITUATION.



## AGED COUPLE FOUND DEAD FROM GAS

One-Time Rockefeller Foe  
and Wife Die in  
Lonely Room.

## WENT TO DEATH HAND IN HAND

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram J. Collins,  
Both Past 80, Shunned Ask-  
ing Aid of Kin.

After wandering penniless from place  
to place in search of shelter on Satur-  
day, Hiram J. Collins, eighty-two years  
old, and Anna, his wife, one year  
younger, with clasped hands died from  
gas poisoning yesterday morning in a  
room which their gentle appearance  
had procured for them at No. 247 55th  
street, Brooklyn.

In his youth Mr. Collins was a friend  
of President Hayes and an associate of  
Samuel J. Tilden. In his early man-  
hood he competed with John D. Rocke-  
feller in the oil trade and lost out in the  
fight. His son-in-law owned French's  
Hotel, which stood on the site of the  
New York World Building.

All the property the aged couple had  
left in the world they carried in a small  
bag. There was nothing of value ex-  
cept a bundle of old letters which led  
to their identification. They died with-  
in two blocks of the home of their  
granddaughter, Mrs. Florence Zabin, at  
No. 317 55th street.

Despite the distress to which the old  
pair had come in their great age, they  
seem to have shunned applying to their  
children for help. About 4 o'clock on  
Saturday afternoon they applied to  
Mrs. Elizabeth Oates, at the 55th street  
house, for a room. They frankly ad-  
mitted they had no money, but said the  
rent would be paid in a day or two.

Mrs. Oates said to the police yester-  
day: "I liked their appearance so much  
and they seemed so tired that I thought  
nothing of the money and was glad to  
let them have a room. I could see they  
were gentle folks. The poor old gen-  
tleman was so loving and attentive to  
his wife, looking to see that she would  
be comfortable, it made me quite in  
love with them."

"They stayed in their room the rest  
of the evening, and I know they had  
nothing to eat, poor souls. They prob-  
ably had had nothing all day."

An odor of gas early yesterday made  
Mrs. Oates try the door when she got  
no response to her calls. Patrolman  
John Ryan burst in the door, and Dr.  
Gardiner, of the Norwegian Hospital,  
said the old people had been dead some  
hours. Their hands were tightly  
clapsed.

Whether they had agreed to die to-  
gether, finding they could go no fur-  
ther, or whether the gas had been  
turned on accidentally after it was  
turned out, there was nothing to show.  
The police were sympathetic and in-  
clined to the theory of accident.

It was away back in the early 60's  
that Mr. Collins tried to fight the "oil  
king." In this city, in which he was  
born, he had two businesses—Lockwood  
& Collins and Johnson & Collins—but  
was put out of the oil trade in 1863.  
Later his son, William, now dead, be-  
came an adjuster of the Supreme  
Court, Westchester County, and the old  
man became his son's clerk. He lived  
for fifty years at Mount Vernon. Dur-  
ing the last year the old couple had  
been moving about from room to room  
in Brooklyn.

A son, Hiram, is in the woollen busi-  
ness at No. 219 Fourth avenue, this  
city, and lives at Sound Beach, Conn.  
A daughter, Mrs. F. French, formerly  
of French's Hotel and mother of Mrs.  
Zabin, is in Los Angeles. Another  
daughter, Mrs. G. G. Hardy, lives at  
New Rochelle.

Mrs. Zabin took charge of the bodies  
and had them removed to her home.

## Fight for Curley's Seat.

Boston, March 22.—Primaries will be  
held in the 12th Congress District on  
Tuesday to select candidates for the  
special election on April 7, to fill the  
vacancy caused by the resignation of Mayor  
James M. Curley. Frank L. Erier, Re-  
publican, and James B. Connolly, Pro-  
gressive, are assured of nominations, but  
in the Democratic party there is a lively  
contest, with eight candidates in the field.



WINSTON CHURCHILL,  
First Lord of the Admiralty.  
AUGUSTINE BIRRELL,  
Chief Secretary for Ireland.

## BROKER KILLS HIMSELF

John E. Volck, After Business  
Reverses, Fires Fatal Shot.

John E. Volck, sixty years old, a cot-  
ton broker, killed himself by firing a  
bullet into his right temple in his bed-  
room yesterday at No. 479 Westminster  
Road, Flatbush. He lived there with  
his wife, daughter and son-in-law,  
Frederick P. Oliver.

Mr. Oliver, who heard the report,  
found his father-in-law unconscious.  
He was dead when Dr. George H. Her-  
rard arrived.

It was said that Mr. Volck, who re-  
turned recently from active business on  
account of reverses, had been worrying  
greatly of late.

## AT 96 GIVES LIFE RULES

Dr. Wellington on His Birthday  
Urges Common Sense.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Boston, March 22.—Harvard's "grand  
old man," Dr. James L. Wellington, of  
Swansea, the oldest living alumnus of  
that college, has just celebrated his  
ninety-sixth birthday.

Dr. Wellington, who after sixty-two  
years' practice has retired, was a class-  
mate of James Russell Lowell, the poet,  
William Wetmore Story, the sculptor,  
many other noted men. On his  
last birthday Dr. Wellington said he  
was strong enough to dance the tango  
if he cared to include such exercise  
among his health rules, which are sim-  
ple and few in number. They are:

"Sit up until 11 o'clock at night, if  
you desire to."  
"If you smoke, smoke a little when  
you feel so inclined."

"Be reasonably careful in what you  
eat."

"Use common sense in all your ways  
of living."

Dr. Wellington graduated in the class  
of '38, with Lowell and Story. The  
class contained seventy-three members,  
of whom sixty-eight were given di-  
plomata.

## CHICKS LEAVE SHELL AT SOUND OF BELL

Eggs Had Passed Through Fire  
and Occupants Wouldn't  
Budge Without Alarm.

When fire destroyed the North Tarry-  
town firehouse, two weeks ago, water  
that was played on the blaze flooded  
the house of Charles Minnerly, next  
door, and a box with a setting hen and  
fifteen eggs floated around the cellar.  
The hen stuck to her post while the  
flames crackled around her.

The eggs were due to hatch on Fri-  
day, but no chicks appeared. Min-  
nerly's friends told him they were fire  
chickens, and if he wanted to hatch  
them he would have to sound a fire  
alarm.

Minnerly went to the coop and rang  
an old dinner bell for fifteen minutes  
yesterday. The eggs began to open,  
and in less than an hour every one of  
them hatched.

The chickens would not stay with  
the mother until Minnerly tied a small  
bell around the mother's neck. If it  
continues cold, he says, he will make  
dust shirts for them.

## Italian Admiral Dies.

Rome, March 22.—Vice-Admiral Far-  
avelli, who was in command of the Italian  
warships at the bombardment of Tripoli  
in October, 1911, died to-day.

## BRITISH ARMY HONEYCOMBED WITH MUTINY

Privates as Well as Offi-  
cers Refuse to Fight  
Against Ulstermen.

## MINISTERS CONFER WITH KING GEORGE

Asquith, Churchill and Bir-  
rell in Charge of Grave  
Situation.

## KING STOPS IN LONDON

Unionist Attack on Government  
To Be Made To-day in  
the Commons.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, March 23.—Sensational is  
the only adjective to describe the un-  
precedented situation caused by the  
extraordinary development of the Ul-  
ster crisis. In spite of all official at-  
tempts to minimize the situation, there  
is no doubt about the fact that mutiny  
has broken out in the British army and  
that seventy cavalry officers at the  
Curragh camp, including General  
Gough and the colonels of the 5th and  
16th Lancers, have expressed their de-  
termination to resign rather than obey  
orders to fight in Ulster. This decision  
was communicated to the War Office  
on Friday, and led to the detention of  
ministers in London during the week  
end.

Conferences lasted all day Saturday  
and all day yesterday, the King being  
constantly kept informed of the situa-  
tion. The Prime Minister himself was  
received in audience by the King at  
Buckingham Palace yesterday and re-  
mained with his majesty for an hour.

The gravity of the crisis is empha-  
sized by the decision of the King to  
abandon his proposed visit to Liver-  
pool for the Grand National Steeple-  
chase, while the scenes at the mini-  
sterial conferences held yesterday were  
unparalleled for many years.